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**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE COMMISSION**

Monday, November 15, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Phil Riesen
Mr. Brian Farr
Mr. Brett W. Heimbürger
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

Member Absent:

Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Commission Business

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Goodfellow, Sen. Madsen, and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

2. Pakistan International Trade Delegation

Rep. Hutchings gave an overview on the Pakistan International Trade Delegation's recent visit to Utah. He noted that the objective of the visit was to introduce the delegation to economic development opportunities within Utah and to find a Utah contact that would assist the Pakistan delegation in developing better international relations.

3. Forum on Democracy & Trade: International Trade Update

Rep. Allen introduced Mr. William Warren, Policy Director, Forum on Democracy & Trade, and noted the value of having Mr. Warren with the Forum on Democracy and Trade to assist the Utah Legislature on better understanding international trade issues.

Mr. Warren distributed and reviewed handouts "The ABC's of International Investment Agreements," "International Trade and Investment Agreements: Uncertainty Concerning Its Coverage and Application to Water Policy Measures Adopted by Utah and Other Great Basin States," "Tobacco in the Trans-Pacific Partnership," and "Bio - William T. Warren," He also gave a presentation on current trade issues, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Bilateral Investment Treaties, GATS, Green Technology, and State - Federal Consultations. Mr. Warren noted that the Forum can be a valuable resource to the Utah Legislature on matters of international trade and investment agreements.

Commission discussion followed.

4. Utah International Trade Commission Charter

Staff distributed a copy of the 2010 General Session H.B. 273, "Utah International Trade Commission Amendments," to commission members.

Mr. Hutchings gave an overview on the intended purpose of 2010 General Session legislation H.B. 273, "Utah International Trade Commission Amendments" in regards to expanding the purpose and role of the Commission. He noted that he would like the Legislature to be more involved with international trade and exports so that the Commission would have a greater ability to move forward with its recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved for staff to prepare and compile a report, to be used for educating the Legislature and others, on Utah's current trade status and economic development opportunities that may exist in the area of both international trade and export and to also note the associated risks. He would like the Legislature to better understand the role of the Commission and suggested that this may be accomplished at a Bagels and Briefings presentation or at the New Legislator Orientation. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Gibson absent for the vote.

Commission discussion followed.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

Sen. Madsen acknowledged and thanked co-chair Rep. Allen, Sen. Goodfellow, Rep. Gibson, and Rep. Riesen for their service on the Commission. They will no longer be legislators as of January 2011.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gibson was absent for the vote.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.